October 13, 2001 - Kalamazoo College at Hope College (MIAA Contest)

HOLLAND - Kalamazoo College lost the MIAA opener 29-15 at Hope College on a wet and rainy day at Holland Municipal Stadium today.

The Hornet offense was never able to get any momentum and gained only 185 yards on the day. Hope managed to move the ball on a combination of rushing plays and out patterns and gained 391 total yards.

Hope opened the scoring with a 26-yard field goal with 4:34 left in the first quarter. The Flying Dutchmen finished the quarter with a two-yard scoring run. Hope struck again early in the second quarter on a 15-yard touchdown run.

Dwight White scored on a 55-yard run with 2:32 left in the half to pull Kalamazoo to within 10 points at 17-7 going into halftime.

Hope would score again early in the third on a 25-yard touchdown reception from Phil Butler to Brian Adloff. The two would connect again in the fourth quarter to give Hope a 29-7 lead.

Dwight White scored his second touchdown of the day on a four-yard run with 5:27 left in the game. Bryan Gnyp connected with Andy Graham for the two-point conversion, leading to the final score of 29-15.

Dwight White rushed for 100 yards on 18 carries. Justin Gross finished with 15 yards on six carries.

Bryan Gnyp was 12-of-30 passing for 95 yards with an interception. He was sacked seven times.

Andy Graham had six catches for 39 yards. T.J. Thayer was limited to only four receptions for 26 yards. Zach Burton had two catches for 30 yards.

Conor Lefere led Kalamazoo with 11 tackles and an interception. Mark LaCombe set a career-high with two interceptions. Brad Zielaskowski and Brant Haverdink each had 10 tackles. Tim Prater, Nate Hurst, and Haverdink each had tackles for lost yardage.

Kalamazoo did win the turnover battle, taking four and losing two. The Hornets also led in time of possession, 32 minutes to 28 minutes. A key stat was Kalamazoo's third down conversion rate -- 3-of-16.

Kalamazoo (4-1 / 0-1 MIAA) plays its homecoming game next Saturday against Olivet College at 1 p.m.

Game Statistics